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DATES TO REMEMBER

REGULAR MEETING

Thursday June 7, 2007 - 7 PM
Red Cross Building - 101 N. Pat St.
VE Testing @ 6:00 - Door Prizes

HAMFEST SCHEDULE

2007 Slidell Hamfest - July 21
West Central Louisiana ARC - Aug. 11

Each Wednesday

Lunch Bunch 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Golden Corral - Amb. Caffery
Check 146.820 - repeater for info

Each Monday, 7:00 p.m.

AARA Net 146.820 - 600

Each Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.

ARES Net 145.370 - 600 PL 103.5
YL/YXL / Filly Net 146.820 - 600

1st & 3rd Friday, 1:00 p.m.

HEAL Net 146.820 - 600

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THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Another GREAT AARA Hamfest is only memories now. But this is only possible with your help by being there and taking part.

A VERY VERY BIG THANKS TO ALL THOSE THAT PITCHED IN AND HELPED DO ALL THE WORK. You Guys and Gals did a great job and we don't want you to go un-noticed.

Let us now think of our next big event for our club, that will be our participation in the 2007 Field Day. Charlie KI5XP, is the Chairperson of this event. I am sure that he will welcome any offers to help. Don't forget, this project will be fun! **We HOPE to WIN this event this year!** There will be an additional station that can be operated by anyone during the entire event which will be our FUN STATION. **Mark your calendar for June 23-24th.**

Don't forget our General Club meeting on Thursday 06/07/2007. We hope to see you ALL there.

Until next time, 73's and happy Ham - ing!

Your PREZ,
Stratos, KE5I

Repeater Changes

There have been a few changes made to some of the Lafayette repeaters in the recent month.

First, the 146.820 machine has a new call sign change. It is now operating under the club call W5DDL. Danny K5ARH has also added some announcements as to our Monday Night Net and our Lunch Bunch meeting. During the recent AARA Hamfest, some announcements were made as to the Hamfest in Rayne, LA. Plans are under way to have a PL tone of 103.5 added in the near future.

Second, the 145.370 SkyWarn central repeater has had some problems corrected and is now working much better. One of the remote receivers had some problems corrected and is now working very well.

47TH AARA HAMFEST WINNERS

GRAND PRIZE
SECOND PRIZE
THIRD PRIZE
FOX HUNT

ICOM 7000 - H F Mobile
ICOM 2200H - 2M Mobile
ICOM V8 Sport - 2M HT
100 Raffle Tickets

Don Willingham
Dags Whittemore
Glenn Breaux
Doug Espy

N5KXF
KE5CGN
KD5NVC
KE4GQE

Whither Hamfests?

Note the difference between "wither" (meaning to shrivel or dry up) and "whither" (meaning "to what place? where?"). Very often, I hear hamfest more closely associated with the former as attendance falls and familiar events "go dark." Is the hamfest doomed?

To be sure, on-line auction and for-sale sites have decimated the amount and diminished the quality of equipment and parts for which hamfests were once the premier source. After all, with information on nearly anything available for the effort of a few keystrokes, why go to all the trouble of making the trek, standing in line, and wandering the aisles?

Without that guaranteed need, can the traditional hamfest survive? Well, probably not if the primary focus remains on selling and buying - technology has overcome the tailgate laden with dusty boatanchors and heaps of semi-identifiable gadgetry.

Instead, let's look at what the hamfest can provide that the on-line venue just can't...

- demonstrations
- seminars, classes, and lectures
- competitions
- equipment testing
- and of course
- face-to-face meetings, and
- license exams

These just don't work as well over the Internet. A hamfest that evolves from an "intergarage junque transfer" to more of a convention-style show may very well prosper.

Today's newer hams - in their 30's and 40's - need a good reason to mark off a weekend day on the refrigerator calendar. They need to have an experience unavailable on line and they should be able to take away something of value.

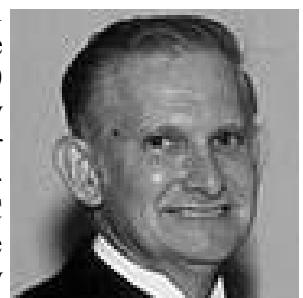
Dayton is coming up this weekend and the enthusiasm on the email reflectors and Web sites is palpable, even as the legendary flea market continues to shrink. Around 25,000 hams will flock to southwestern Ohio this weekend to partake of the main activities, hold their own sub-hamfests, meet old friends, make new friends, check out the new gear from all the manufacturers - drinking great draughts from the deep well that is Amateur Radio in the 21st century. Wither hamfests? I don't think so.

73, Ward N0AX



Pictures from the recent AARA Hamfest in Rayne, Louisiana

James Chopin KB5EKC-SK



Funeral services were held at 1:00 PM Saturday June 2 for James Chopin KB5EKC who became a Silent Key on Thursday, May 31 at his residence in Lafayette.

A resident of Lafayette for all of his life, James was currently employed as a sales associate at Lowe's for the past ten years. He previously worked for A. C. Shuren, Lingo International, Guidry parts and Courtesy Motors. He proudly served his country in the Louisiana National Guard, Special Forces Paratrooper and Green Beret from 1954-1966. No one was ever considered to be "a stranger" to him, for he knew everyone's face, and with that always came a story which began with a year. He was a loving husband, son, father, grandfather, brother and friend to all who knew him and will be greatly missed by all.

More Hamfest pictures can be found on the W5DDL Website at:
www.w5ddl.org/clubsite/events/hamfest2007/

May 9, 2007 1400 CDT /1900 Z Hurricane Drill

On May 9, 2007 part of a Statewide Hurricane Drill was activated from the Lafayette Parish EOC with the following operators on hand.

KA5BSE John Martin, NA5Q Roland Guidry, KE5KET Charles Mashek and KN5GRK Herman Campbell

The following net took place on the W5DDL 146.82 repeater with Roland NA5Q NCS.

Open net at 19:00z as KA5EOC, for a simulated hurricane test exercise.

Received the following check-ins:

KE5LCE Karen, UMC - Portable Power
KE5KEZ Rachel, LGMC Surgical Center - Normal Power

KD5YWB Ken, Portable

KE5I Stratos, Portable / short time

K5LFT Greg, Mobile / short time

At 19:30z received a report from UMC on hospital bed availability as requested by Net Control.

KE5LCE Karen at UMC reported as follows:

2 Adult Beds - 4 ICU Beds - 4 Pediatric Beds - 1 Nursery Bed - 6 Adult Ventilator Beds - 1 Pediatric Ventilator Bed - 5 Emergency Beds

KE5KEZ Rachel LGMC Surgical Center reported as follows:

No bed availability - if Hurricane Dean at Category #2 or above, they will be closed down.

At 20:00z Scenario was given as follows:

Category #1 Hurricane Dean came ashore at Rutherford Beach. Many tornado's spun, with a confirmed touch down in Crowley, La. Net control on 145.37 confirmed that Acadian Ambulance is being dispatched for injured.

At 20:15z received report from Net control on 145.37 that Acadian Ambulance that 3 injuries are being transported ages 25, 28 and 32.

At 20:16z contacted KE5LCE Karen, if they can handle 3 injured persons being transported by Acadian Ambulance Service. Injuries non-critical. Karen reported that UMC could take the transport. Net control relayed info to Net Control on 145.37 Herman that Acadian Ambulance is to transport to UMC.

Test simulation ended 20:20z all check-ins were released.

Report by Roland Guidry NA5Q

The following net took place on the KF5VH SkyWarn 145.37 repeater with Herman KN5GRK NCS.

Opened net at 1900z, using call KE5EOC, for a simulated hurricane test exercise.

Received the following check-ins:

KE5LCE Karen - Portable
KE5KJD Larry, UMC - Portable
KE4GQE Doug, Emergency Power
KE5JPD John, Acadian Ambulance - Portable

KE5I Stratos, Portable / Short time

KE5JXC Arnold, Short time

KD5TCJ Carle, City power but has battery backup

AE5AV James, Battery power but has city power for HF rig - monitoring 7.285 MHz.

At 1958z, Hurricane Dean reached landfall at Rutherford Beach with numerous tornados reported in the Crowley, LA area. Injuries reported with damage.

KE5JPD John with Acadian Ambulance was contacted and he reported that they could place five (5) ambulances on the scene.

At 2009z, KE5JPD reported that there were three (3) injured persons aged, 25, 28, and 32 moderate to light injuries to be transported.

At 2016 KE5LCE Karen, reported that University Medical Center could take the patients.

At 2020z all stations were released and we shut down the drill and went our separate ways.

John Martin KA5BSE monitored 7.285 MHz all during this drill but could not hear anyone, however John did make contact with Roger Hoskins W5QEP in Rayne, LA a little after 1900z. It was reported that there was a huge solar flare during the day, which may have been part of the problem.

I did contact Alan Levine WA5LQZ at 1441z on 7.285 this morning using the call K5SPH from the Saint Patrick Hospital in Lake Charles. I also talked to him on the LTN at 1805 CDT and he said that they would not be doing anything for Thursday May 10.

Report by Herman Campbell KN5GRK

THANKS TO ALL THAT HELPED WITH THIS DRILL - YOU ARE TO BE COMMENDED!

May VE Testing Results

The following VE test session at the May General Meeting had the following results.

Andrew A. Fontenot, took the Technician License test, passed and was issued the callsign **KE5OGA**.

The following VE's were at the test session:

1. Danny Griffith K5ARH
2. Greg Dolan K5LFT
3. Gerard Murphy KD5VPC
4. Roland Guidry NA5Q
5. Charles Morrison KI5XP
6. Rick Breaux N5RLM

47th AARA Hamfest VE Test Results

The following is a brief summary of the VE test session at the hamfest in Rayne, Louisiana on May 26, 2007.

Technician: One (1) took the test but failed.

General: Sixteen (16) took the test, eleven (11) passed, five (5) failed.

Extra: Eight (8) took the test, seven (7) passed, one (1) failed.

VE Team that helped with the hamfest testing were:

NAME:	CALL:	QTH:
Danny Griffith	K5ARH	Lafayette
Greg Dolan	K5LFT	Lafayette
Gerard Murphy	KD5VPC	Rayne
Ray Arceneaux	N5LRZ	Opelousas
Greg Lavigne	AD5HA	Washington
Albert Fabacher	KF5WP	Egan
John Mussey	N5FJ	Shreveport
Mary Sullivan	KD5LKB	Shreveport
Billy Sullivan	KB5PKW	Shreveport
Sharon Walker	KA5DOW	Slidell



Field Day 2007

June 23 & 24

1800 UTC Saturday - 2100 UTC Sunday



It's that time of the year again, time for all amateur radio operators to have FUN and pull together in competition with other ham radio operators world wide with one common goal - to sharpen our skills to be able to be there when an emergency arises and we may be called upon to perform.

This year the AARA will be having our Field Day in Rayne, Louisiana at the Civic Center Grounds under the newly erected pavilion. This building is at ground level and should be easily accessed for handicapped persons along with a lot more space for tables and equipment.

Our chairperson for this event is Charles Morrison KI5XP. Charlie is a "big gun" in contesting and should be able to handle just about any situation or question you might have about Field Day, as it is more or less a contest. Charlie may be calling on our membership to help out in some areas of this event, so be willing to volunteer to help make it a success.

As usual, we will have the GOTA station (Get On The Air) set up for anyone licensed or un-licensed to make some contacts during the event.

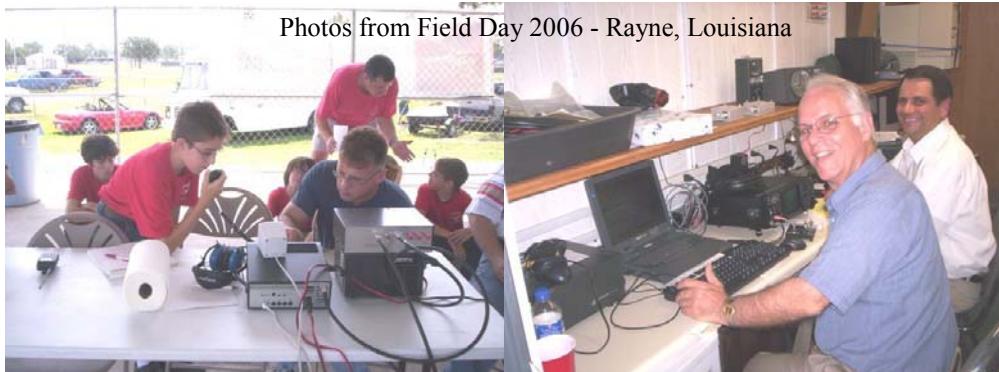
We will be discussing more about Field Day at the June 7th General Meeting such as what class we will operate and who will be doing what during this event, so if you are called upon to volunteer, please try to do so.

You can be a part of this exciting event.

Eligibility: Field Day is open to all amateurs in the areas covered by the ARRL/RAC Field Organizations and countries within IARU Region 2. DX stations residing in other regions may be contacted for credit, but are not eligible to submit entries.

Object: To work as many stations as possible on any and all amateur bands (excluding the 60, 30, 17, and 12-meter bands) and in doing so to learn to operate in abnormal situations in less than optimal conditions. A premium is placed on developing skills to meet the challenges of emergency preparedness as well as to acquaint the general public with the capabilities of Amateur Radio.

Date and Time Period: Field Day is always the fourth full weekend of June, beginning at 1800 UTC Saturday and ending at 2100 UTC Sunday. Field Day 2007 will be held June 23-24, 2007.



Photos from Field Day 2006 - Rayne, Louisiana



6/03	LEE	WB5NJG
6/05	MARILYN	KE5LYC
6/07	JOSEPH	KE5HTJ
6/09	DAVID	KE5LBL
6/22	RACHEL	KE5NIM
6/26	DON	NJ5X
6/28	LANE	KB5LBK
6/27	MIKE	KE5NIL



Some members failed to put their birthdays on their applications for renewal / membership application, this is why some may not be listed.

MAY NEW & RENEWAL MEMBERS

JOSEPH KONECNI	KE5HT
FRED MARSHAL	W5MLE
KERMIT COMIER	AE5AJ
HARRY PREJEAN	AC5PG
LEE FONTENOT	WB5NJG
AL ANDREW	N5WWS
BRENDA ANDREW	KB5RSW
ALTON PITRE	KB5RKP

**FATHER'S
DAY
SUNDAY
JUNE 17**

Hurricane Season 2007

June 1st kicked off hurricane season and the first tropical storm in the Gulf to hit western Florida so it looks like we may be in for a busy season.

Ed Roy WA5TNK, Lafayette Parish Emergency Coordinator mentioned the following on the HEAL Net last Friday that we should keep in mind for severe weather events.

The notes were taken down by the Net Control Station Larry LeBlanc KE5KJD and edited for the LARC.

- Tune to the ARES SkyWarn Repeater 145.37 pl 103.5 for announcements, etc.
- Announce your presence to the NET CONTROL if any, or just broadcast.
- If you are monitoring the 146.82 repeater and you are aware of an emergency or warning, announce it and direct people to the SkyWarn repeater 145.37 (Herman KN5GRK).
- Allow the NET CONTROL to know your status and availability.
- At the beginning of an event, check in to both repeaters to make sure you can be heard.
- If extensive communications is required and the repeater traffic is heavy, have NET CONTROL assign the simplex frequency for the traffic or advise NET CONTROL that traffic (type) is being conducted on xxx.xx frequency.
- Keep NET CONTROL advised of major activity, even if the amateur link is not the primary communications link in use at the time.

Up to date weather information can be found on the Lake Charles National Weather Service at the following website.

<http://www.srh.noaa.gov/lch/>



Children's Museum of Acadiana

On Saturday May 12th, Nick Pugh K5QXJ and I went to the CMA at 11:00 AM to demonstrate the K5CMA amateur radio station to some young visitors. Apparently something went wrong as they did not show up. Nick and I made the most of it anyway. We worked a few special event stations and some other individuals on 20 meters. One was the W1AW ARRL station in Newington, CT and the other was the Battle Ship New Jersey in Camden, NJ. QSL cards were sent to both stations.

While there, Nick played with the UL Satellite tracking software and we managed to pick up the transmission in CW.

SLIDELL HAMFEST 2007

Sponsored by: OZONE ARC
 Saturday—July 21st
 8:00 AM—2:30 PM
 Slidell City Auditorium
 Admission : \$5.00 (includes 1 raffle ticket)
Talk-in: 147.27/87 PL 114.8

Commercial Dealers

Sign Man of Baton Rouge / MFJ
 Bamcom / MCM Computers
 Cedar City / Memphis Electronics

Flea Market Tables

\$7.00 each with 2 chairs
 (does not include admission)

**VE TESTING—QLF CONTEST FORUMS—MAIN PRIZES
 CARD CHECKING (WAS etc)
 HOURLY DOOR PRIZES
 LADIES RAFFLE**

For more information e-mail Mike King at: w5py@arrl.net

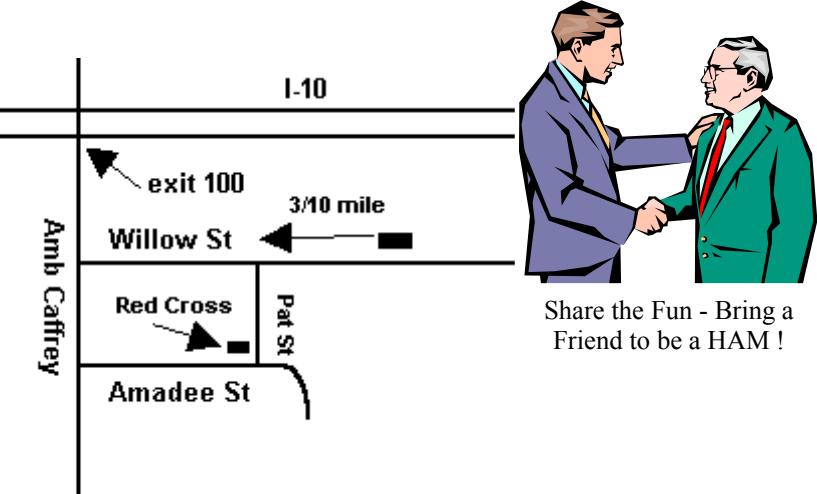
June Special Events & Contests

June 2-10	W2W —Historical Electronics Museum ARC - The use of electronics in D-Day
June 9 & 10	Museum Ships Weekend.
June 11-26	K1D, K1MOM & K1DAD —Kids Day and Field Day Awareness
June 9-11	ARRL VHF QSO Party —1600Z June 9-0300Z June 10
June 9-11	Asia-Pacific Sprint —1100Z-1300Z—Phone 20&15 meters only
June 16-17	Kids Day Operating Event —1800Z-2400Z
June 15-18	W9IMS —1500Z-0300Z, Indianapolis, IN. United States Grand Prix
June 16-17	SMIRK QSO Party —0000Z June 16-2400Z June 17—Six Meter International Radio Klub—6 meters only
June 21-24	KC2HOU —Worldwide Amateur Radio Lighthouse Society—Lighthouse Summer Solstice Sweepstakes
June 23-24	ARRL Field Day —1800Z June 23-2100Z June 24

Check QST or ARRL Website for details and QSL information.

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AARA GENERAL MEETING - June 7, 2007
Red Cross Building, 101 N. Pat St., Scott, LA
7:00 PM - VE TESTING @ 6:00 PM - DOOR PRIZES
REFRESHMENTS
Pay your dues if not so done already!

**COMPLEMENTARY
ISSUE**

Broccoli Bake

(from June month of Teche Federal Bank Calendar)

- | | |
|---|---|
| 1 can (10 3/4 oz.) condensed cream of broccoli soup | 2 packages (10 oz. each) frozen broccoli cuts, cooked and drained |
| 1/2 cup milk | 4 cups broccoli flowerets, cooked and drained |
| 1 teaspoon soy sauce & generous dash pepper | 1 can (2.8 oz) french fried onions (1 1/3 cups) |

In 1 1/2 quart casserole - mix soup, milk, soy sauce, pepper, broccoli and 1/2 can onions. Bake at 350° for 25 minutes or until hot.

Stir.

Sprinkle remaining onions over broccoli mixture. Bake 5 minutes more or until onions are golden.

Submit your favorite recipe to:

Herman KN5GRK
kn5grk@bellsouth.net



FCC LICENSE INFO SERVICE

The FCC toll-free (WATS) number for Amateur Radio license inquiries - including inquiries about vanity and new call signs. The number, 888-225-5322, will connect callers to the FCC National Call Center, handled by the FCC's Consumer Information Bureau. Amateurs having ULS problems or questions should contact the FCC's ULS Technical Support staff at 202-414-1250 or ulscomm@fcc.gov. Web site:

<http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/>

New callsign information can also be obtained from the ARRL/VEC at 860-594-3000.

<http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec>

The mailing address to the FCC is: Federal Communications Commission, 1270 Fairfield Road, Gettysburg PA 17325-7245